



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

*WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has long been concerned with the health of its citizens;
and*

*WHEREAS, chronic lung diseases, know collectively as chronic obstructive pulmonary
disease (COPD), are the fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases cost the United States an estimated
\$31.9 billion a year; and*

*WHEREAS, 16 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with some form
of COPD, with a similar number undiagnosed; and*

*WHEREAS, awareness, early detection and treatment are crucial in the prevention or
slowing of the spread of lung disease in this country; and*

*WHEREAS, the citizens of Idaho deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive; be healthy,
informed and aware of their respiratory health and of the factors that affect that health;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby
proclaim November 2003, to be*

COPD AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of
Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this thirtieth day of
August in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three
and of the Independence of the United States of America
the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of
Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Yursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE